

Appl. No. : **10/020,544**
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIG. 7 to replace the upper "36d" with -- 36e -- as indicated in the attached marked-up drawing. A replacement drawing is also attached and labeled as such.

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 5, 7, 11–20, and 36–40 are pending. Applicants note the Examiner's finding that the subject matter of claims 5, 7, 11–20, and 36–40 are allowable.

Amendments to the Drawings

FIG. 7 has been amended to correct an incorrect reference number. One of the "36d" reference numbers has been corrected to read -- 36e --. Support for the amendment is found, for example, in the specification on page 10, lines 19–23 as modified in the Preliminary Amendment filed May 2, 2003, page 4 ("Passageway 36e connects the lower chamber 54b of valve 54 to an outlet chamber 46c of the demand valve, which chamber extends above the outlet port and circumferentially around a nozzle 46b."). No new matter is entered by way of these amendments.

With respect to the inhalation/exhalation selector, the feature is illustrated in FIGS. 13 and 14 as "56," which is described, for example, in the specification on page 13, lines 7–11 ("An additional adjustable back pressure regulator 14' and an inhalation/exhalation responsive or selector valve 56 enables an operator to adjust separate reference pressures for the exhalation and inhalation phases of the breathing cycle.").

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 5 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 1, 3, and 4.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10.

Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9.

Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1 and 3.

Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1, 3, and 4.

Claim 36 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 35.

Claim 37 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 35.

Claim 38 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 35.

Claims 1–4, 6, and 8–10 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to present the subject matter of any of the canceled claims in one or more future applications.

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Withdrawn claims 22-24, 31-34, and 41-44 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to present the subject matter of any of the canceled claims in one or more future applications.

Because allowable claims 5 and 11-14 have been rewritten in independent form, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5 and 11-14 are allowable over the art of record. Because claim 7 is dependent on claim 5, claim 7 is also allowable. Claims 15-20 are allowable as dependent on allowable claim 14. Because allowable claims 36, 37, and 38 have been rewritten in independent form, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 36-38, and claims 39 and 40, which are dependent on claim 38, are allowable over the art of record.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

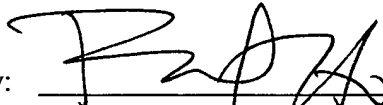
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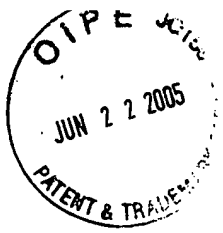
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Annotated Marked-up Drawings

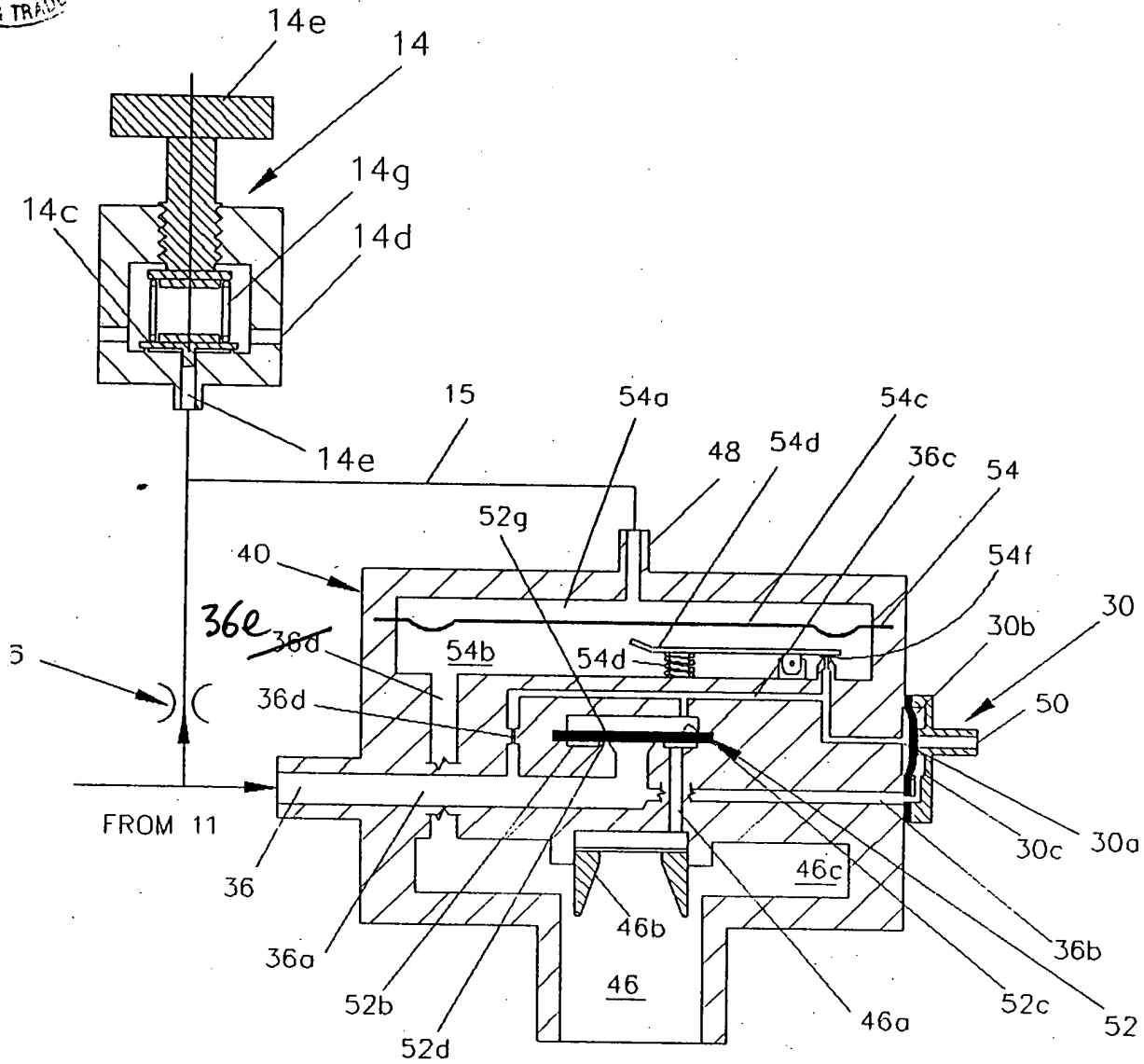


Fig. 7 (EXHALATION)